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Prime Minister Fraser has sold out the East Timorese people. No amount of double talk will change that fact.

Twelve months ago, five Australian newsmen were done to death by Indonesian troops attacking an East Timorese border village. Since then Indonesia has actively obstructed investigations into these murders while the Australian government has failed to condemn them.

Many thousands of East Timorese have been massacred by Indonesian troops and many more are held in concentration camps where they suffer deplorable treatment. Yet the East Timorese continue to resist the invasion. They control most of their country and recently recaptured eleven towns from the invaders.

**Where does Australia stand?**

The **"official"** position is that the Fraser government is on record as demanding the withdrawal of Indonesian troops, a ceasefire, a genuine act of self-determination and the provision of aid through the International Red Cross. The **actual** position is that Fraser refused to restate official policy, even when he visited Indonesia. It has be-become non-policy.

Fraser's actions are the reverse of official policy. These actions include:

- The seizure of the East Timorese two-way radio transmitter at Darwin. This sabotaged the diplomatic efforts of Fretilin which leads the resistance.
- Agreement to send aid worth $85,000 through the Indonesian Red Cross. This aid won't reach the East Timorese since the organisation is controlled by the same Indonesian generals who organised the invasion.
- Negotiations with Indonesia to establish a seabed border between Australia and East Timor in the oil rich Timor Sea - a clear recognition of Indonesian sovereignty.

- Preventing ships sailing to East Timor with humanitarian aid collected by trade unions and churches.

- Continuing to provide tens of millions in military aid to Indonesia.

Fraser may next prevent Fretilin leaders from visiting Australia and stop Telecom Darwin from passing on messages received from East Timor.

Fraser justifies this betrayal of East Timor's right to independence because, he claims, future relations with Indonesia and security in the region are important.

Is appeasement and collaboration the way to maintain peace and good relations?

Moreover, the Indonesian people live under a harsh and corrupt military dictatorship which is under challenge. Fraser's actions help keep it in control.

Is that the way to build relations for the future?

Peace and security in the region can only be built on a principled policy which respects and defends the right of **every** nation to independence and national liberation, a policy which opposes the use of force in settling disputes between nations.

**Don't let Fraser off the hook**

A former Liberal government involved Australia in the Vietnam war. Now Fraser wants us to forget East Timor, in effect endorsing another genocidal war.

Fraser's duplicity overseas is an extension of his duplicity at home. He promised to maintain Medibank, then mutilated it. He increased Child Endowment, then took it away in higher taxes. He promised freedom of information, then tried to silence, independent views on the ABC. He can't solve problems of unemployment and inflation so he tries to blame and tame the trade unions.

The people of East Timor have learnt that Fraser's promises are worthless. Don't you feel the same way?

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